



**Deputy Commander
NATO Training Mission - Iraq**

Major General Alessandro Pompegnani, ITA

Major General Alessandro Pompegnani was born in Manziana (Roma) on 5th February 1948. In 1964, at very young age, he began his formal military training (“Nunziatella” Military School) in Naples, where he earned the Classical High School Diploma. Following this traditional course of studies, he was admitted to Modena Military Academy where he attended the 150th Military Academy Course. Upon completion of the established curriculum, which included an initial two years in Modena followed by almost three years in Torino, he graduated with a degree in Strategic Science, then improved with a specific master. Additional military education which he has completed includes: the Fire Direction Centre Chief and Observer Officer Course in 1977; the 108th Staff Course and 108th Higher Staff Course at the Italian War College from 1983 to 1987; the 87th Course at the NATO Defence College in 1995; and the International Intelligence Directors Course in the United Kingdom in 1999.

Major General Pompegnani began his active duty military career as a Lieutenant of Armoured Artillery. He held command positions in all ranks from Lieutenant through Colonel in the “Ariete” Armoured Division/Brigade.

He has filled the following key positions during his time as a senior officer: Services Branch Officer, Logistic Division, Headquarters 5th Corps (1984-1986); Transportation and Equipment Branch Officer, Logistic Division, Headquarters LANDSOUTH (1987-1988); Commander, 20th “Piave” Self

Propelled Field Artillery Battalion (1989-1990); Chief, Special Projects and Joint Operation Branch, Operations Division, Headquarters LANDSOUTH (1990-1993); Commander 132 nd “Ariete” Armoured Artillery Regiment (1993-1995); Assistant, Chief of Staff (Intelligence), Headquarters LANDSOUTH, a Primary Subordinate Command of AFSOUTH (1995-1999).

Promoted to the rank of Brigadier General on 1 st January 1999, he was appointed the Assistant Chief of Staff (Intelligence), Headquarters AFCENT on 6 June 1999, the first Italian General Officer assigned to AFCENT, prior to be trasformed to AFNORTH.

Then he became Deputy Commander, Force Department, Italian Army General Staff and by proxy of Chief of Italian Army he is in charge for Army’s Security.

From October 2005 to May 2006 he was appointed as Deputy Commander of Multinational Division South East in Al Basrah (Iraq).

On 5 th February 2007 he was promoted Major General and was supposed to leave the active duty, but in the same day he was recalled on duty to keep the responsibility as Army’s Security till the end of May 2007.

On 22nd June 2007 the Italian Ministry of Defence appointed Major General Pompegnani as Deputy Commander of NATO Training Mission – Iraq.